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Dear Ms. McNutt:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, The Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small businesses associated with rule changes proposed by the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency ("IPLA") on behalf of the Private Investigator and Security Guard Licensing Board ("Board") and contained in LSA Document 09-2. The proposed rule amends 874 IAC 1 to establish application and renewal procedures and implements new state requirements meant to improve the manner in which the private investigator and security guard industries are regulated. The Board estimates that there are 441 private investigator firms and 251 security guard agencies for a total of 692 businesses that will be impacted by this rule. Because the IPLA does not maintain data on the number of licenses issued to small businesses it has no way to determine how many of the businesses affected qualify as small businesses. Therefore, the exact number of small businesses affected by the rule is 692 or less.

The impact statement provided by IPLA indicates that costs imposed on affected small businesses will be nominal and would occur from the costs of obtaining records and background checks. The rule requires each firm or agency to complete and store records for each licensee. These records include a criminal history check from the Indiana State Police, the cost ranges from \$7 to \$16.32 to cover the fees of the search. The rule also requires a State Police fingerprint search for a \$10 fee, and a Marion County background check for a \$10 fee. The total cost for obtaining all necessary records will range from \$27 to \$36.32 per licensee. There will be no annual reporting or administrative costs incurred by small businesses to comply with this rule, but the licensees will be required to keep records of their criminal history background checks.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small business associated with this proposed rule. The economic impact on small businesses is nominal. The proposed rule is to comply with new state laws and will improve the regulation of both professions and will make processing and maintenance of the license more effective and efficient for IPLA staff.

If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or [rasberry@iedc.in.gov](mailto:rasberry@iedc.in.gov).

Regards,

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